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**For: SYSTEM CONSISTING OF BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINES,
BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND ASSOCIATED
OPERATING METHOD**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith, except that (1) a copy of any U.S. patent application identified herein or any patent, publication or other information listed herein cited or submitted in a prior application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 and identified below, is not submitted herewith, and (2) a copy of any U.S. patent or published patent application identified herein is not submitted herewith, if this application was filed or entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003 (or if applicable, this international application entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003).

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International Search Report mailed April 27, 2005 in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014508, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

Search Report of German Patent Office dated November 16, 2005 regarding German Patent Application 103 60 861.3, of which this application claims priority.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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All of the documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are mentioned in either or both the appended International Search Report established in PCT/EP2004/014508, of which this application is the U.S. national stage, or the Search Report of the German Patent Office with regard to German Patent Application 103 60 861.3, priority of which is claimed in this application. The relevancy of each document is evident from the search report.

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English language translations of the non-English language documents are not readily available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language abstracts appended to the documents or English language counterparts that are identified below in the paragraph under the heading "Statement of Cumulative Information".

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

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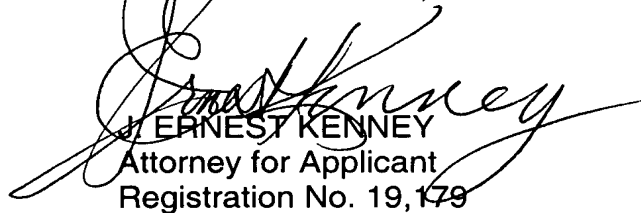
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